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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Julian M. C. Golec, et al.  
Application No. : 09/863,649 Confirmation No. : 1044  
Filed : May 23, 2001  
For : CASPASE INHIBITORS AND USES THEREOF  
Group Art Unit : 1654  
Examiner : Jeffrey E. Russel

Cambridge, Massachusetts  
July 7, 2005

Commissioner for Patents  
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AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is in reply to the January 10, 2005 Office Action in the above-identified application. Applicants have submitted herewith a three-month extension of time to reply to the Office Action. The time for reply to this Office Action is, therefore, up to and including July 10, 2005. Accordingly, this reply is timely filed.

Amendments to the claims begin at page 2 of this Reply.

Remarks begin at page 17 of this Reply.

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